GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SMUGGLING OF MOBILE PHONES
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of mobile phones are smuggled into the country;

(b) if so, the details of the Airports from where the smuggled mobile phones seized;

(c) whether a large number of such cases have been reported at Kamraj Airport, Chennai and IGI Airport, Delhi recently;

(d) if so, the details of the seizure; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to check the smugglings of mobile phones?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): There are no reports of large scale smuggling of mobile phones into the country. The details of cases of seizure of mobile phones at Kamraj Airport, Chennai and IGI Airport, New Delhi during the year 2001-2002 are as follows:

Name of the Airport	No. of cases booked	No. of mobile phone seized	Seizure Value (Rs. in lakhs)
Kamraj Airport, Chennai	403	19279	951.80
IGI Airport, New Delhi	9	297	38.38

(e): All field formations of the Customs Department including Directorateof Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to detect and prevent smuggling of contraband goods including mobile phones.